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Amendment to the Claims

Please replace the claims on file with the enclosed claims 1-33.

1. (currently amended): An automated kiosk comprising:

(a) a cabinet;

(b) a face frame releasably securable to said cabinet; said face frame defining an interface area;

(c) a plurality of cross members, at least one of said cross members secured to said face frame, at least one of said cross members releasably securable in a plurality of cross member configurations in relation to said face frame; and said cross member configurations dividing said interface area into a plurality of sub-areas;

(d) a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross members; wherein said plurality of cross member configurations allows for a plurality of hardware component configurations by allowing hardware components of various sizes and shapes to be releasably secured to the cross members. and positionable within said sub-areas;

wherein said plurality of cross member configurations define various combinations of sub-areas of adjustable shapes and sizes within said interface area for receiving various combinations of hardware components of various shapes and sizes.

2. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said hardware components are sized and configured such that they project substantially directly inward into said cabinet when said face frame is secured to said cabinet.

3. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein one edge of said

face frame is hinged to a corresponding edge of said cabinet.

4. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least another of said cross members is releasably securable to another cross member in said plurality of cross members.

5. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one releasably securable cross member is releasably securable at each end thereof to either said face frame or another cross member in said plurality of cross members.

6. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a faceplate secured to at least one of said cross members, wherein at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said faceplate such that said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said cross members indirectly.

7. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of said plurality of hardware components is a keyboard, and said keyboard is secured to said face frame indirectly by a keyboard housing, and said keyboard housing is secured to said face frame.

8. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a main frame secured to said face frame, at least another of said cross members secured to said main frame such that at least another of said cross members is secured to said face frame indirectly.

9. (withdrawn) A kiosk as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a plurality of housings secured to said face frame.

10. (withdrawn) A kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a faceplate on an upper portion of said face frame, said faceplate configured such that a top of said faceplate projects farther out from said face frame than a bottom of said faceplate.

11. (currently amended): An automated kiosk comprising:

a cabinet;

a face frame; ~~and~~ said face frame defining an interface area;

a plurality of hardware components secured to said face frame; and

a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably securable in a plurality of configurations in relation to said face frame thereby defining various sizes and shapes of sub-areas within said interface area.

12. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a door in said kiosk, said door configured to allow access to said hardware components.

13. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 12 wherein said face frame is said door.

14. (withdrawn): The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame, wherein at least one of said plurality of

hardware components is secured to said cross members such that at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said face frame indirectly.

15. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 11, wherein said hardware components are sized and configured such that they project substantially directly inward into said cabinet when said face frame is secured to said cabinet.

16. (withdrawn): The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably securable in a plurality of configurations in relation to said face frame.

17. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a faceplate secured to at least one of said plurality of cross members, wherein said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said faceplate such that said at least one of said plurality of hardware components is secured to said cross members indirectly.

18. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a main frame secured to said face frame, at least one of said cross members secured to said main frame such that at least one of said cross members is secured to said face frame indirectly.

19. (withdrawn): A method of modifying a kiosk, comprising the steps of:

- (a) removing a hardware component or a faceplate from said kiosk;
- (b) repositioning a releasably securable cross member on said kiosk; and

(c) installing a new hardware component on said kiosk.

20. (withdrawn): A method of constructing a kiosk, comprising the steps of:

- (a) assembling a cabinet to a face frame;
- (b) receiving an order which designates the hardware components required for the kiosk;
- (c) securing a plurality of cross members to said face frame in a configuration suitable for receiving said designated hardware components; and
- (d) securing said designated hardware components to said cross members.

21. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cross members define a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart holes for receiving a fastener for securing said cross members.

22. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 21, wherein said holes are spaced apart at intervals of predetermined length.

23. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of faceplates releasably secured to said face frame, at least one of said plurality of hardware components releasably secured to at least one of said plurality of faceplates.

24. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a plurality of faceplates releasably secured to at least one of said cross members, at least one of said plurality of hardware components releasably secured to at least one

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of said plurality of faceplates.

25. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein said face frame has a front face defining a plurality of recesses, said kiosk further comprising a plurality of faceplates having a front surface, received with said recesses and releasably secured to said face frame such that the front surface of said faceplates is substantially parallel to said front face of said face frame, at least one of said plurality of hardware components releasably secured to at least one of said plurality of faceplates.

26. (withdrawn): The kiosk as claimed in claim 23, further comprising a plurality of gaskets for providing a seal, said gaskets interposed between said faceplates and said face frame.

27. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 24, further comprising a plurality of gaskets for providing a seal, said gaskets interposed between said faceplates and said at least one of said cross members to which said faceplates are releasably secured.

28. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said cross members is releasably secured along a lateral axis of said face frame, and at least one of said cross members is releasably secured along a longitudinal axis of said face frame, said laterally and longitudinally secured cross members forming a configurable grid for releasably securing said plurality of hardware components.

29. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 26, wherein said gasket is

L shaped.

30. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 26, wherein said gasket is T shaped.

31. (previously presented): The kiosk as claimed in claim 27, wherein said gasket is L shaped.

32. (withdrawn): A method of modifying an automated kiosk having a cabinet, a face frame releasably securable to said cabinet, a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame and a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross member, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) removing a hardware component or a faceplate from said kiosk;
- (b) repositioning a releasably securable cross member on said kiosk; and
- (c) installing a new hardware component on said kiosk.

33. (withdrawn): A method of constructing an automated kiosk having a cabinet, a face frame releasably securable to said cabinet, a plurality of cross members secured to said face frame and a plurality of hardware components releasably secured to said cross member, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) assembling a cabinet to a face frame;
- (b) receiving an order which designates the hardware components required for the kiosk;
- (c) securing a plurality of cross members to said face frame in a configuration suitable for receiving said designated hardware components; and

(d) securing said designated hardware components to said cross members.